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Luke 2. 15-21

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Almighty God  
whose blessed Son was circumcised  
in obedience to the law for our sake  
and given the Name that is above every  
Name,  
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,  
and to proclaim him as Saviour of the world;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit  
one God, now and forever.

### *Post Communion*

Eternal God,  
whose incarnate Son was given  
the Name of Saviour:  
grant that we who have shared in this  
sacrament of salvation may live out our years  
in the power of the Name above all other  
names,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
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did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Reading— Luke 2. 15-21**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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